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Heavy construction work was underway on the Dessau-Alten airfield, with shipments of building materials arriving every day. Especially intensive building activity was observed on the designing building close to the side wing of the high building which was completed, but not yet occupied. A second large crane was on the track along the high building. The cantonment, northwest of the high building, of 12 temporary buildings was not yet occupied prior to 1 May 1953.

2. The official designation of the Junkers Werke was VEB Transport - und Landmaschinenbau (Transportation means and farming machine building plant) Dessau. The population referred to it as VEB Landmaschinenbau.

3. In late April 1953, source learned that, on 25 April 1953, six engineers including Engineer Zimmermann (fnu) had been transferred from Pirna to Dessau. Source did not see any of these engineers as they lived separated from others. Source could not ascertain whether they had jobs in the Otto Mader Haus or the Reichsbahn-Ausbesserungswork (railroad repair shop).

4. In late April 1953, a new office termed Leichtmaschinenbau (light machine building) was established in the office building in Dessau where source was employed. Keller (fnu), about 57 years old, who had been a lathe operator with ICO, was a reliable SED-member, and served as technical manager of the Gasgeraetewerk (gas implements producing plant), formerly ICO, was appointed manager of the new office. Although he was to organize the new office, he remained technical manager of Gasgeraetewerk. It was rumored that the Gasgeraetewerk would stop producing in late 1953. After the establishment of the new office, 12 employees of the office of source, including designers, tool setters, work preparers, and some people from the managing office, were transferred to the new office.

5. Source learned that, on 25 April, other engineers, most of them allegedly employees of the Siebel Werke, had been transferred from Pirna to Leipzig or Schkeuditz where the airfield was also scheduled to be reconstructed. Source had no information on the number and names of the transferred engineers.

6. Schlosser (fnu), Ludwig Bonse, and Gerrach (fnu), who returned from the USSR, were transferred from Pirna to Schkeuditz in mid-April 1953.

7. Fritz Wolf concluded from the fact that Dipl. Ing. Heimo Werner and Engineer Albert Kempf had been transferred from Pirna to Dessau that the Hrna project had been dropped

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and that **planning was proceeding** in Schkeuditz.

25X1A. [] Comment. A previous report indicated that Engineer Zimmermann (fnu) was deputy of the personnel manager in Pirna.

25X1A. [] Comment. First information on the reconstruction of the former Siebel Werke in Schkeuditz-Halle was contained in a previous report. [] No 25X1 detailed information is available on this project.

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